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SUBJECT: BALUCHISTAN -- PROVINCIAL CABINET EXPANDED BALANCE

APPEARS TO BE SHIFTING AGAINST NAP/JUI COALITION

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1. NEW MINISTER NAMED: FORMER MINISTER IN NAP/JUI
BALUCHISTAN GOVERNMENT, MPA MAULVI SALEH MOHAMMAD,
WAS SWORN IN AS A PROVINCIAL MINISTER BY GOVERNOR
BUGTI IN QUETTA JULY 15. THIS FIRST ADDITION TO PROVINCIAL
CABINET SINCE ANNOUNCEMENT ITS FORMATION APRIL
27 (REFTEL A). CABINET NOW CONSISTS OF CHIEF MINISTER
PLUS THREE MINISTERS. TWO OF THREE JUI MPA'S ARE NOW
PROVINCIAL MINISTERS, REDUCING NAP/JUI COALITION'S
PREVIOUS RECOGNIZED SUPPORT FROM 12 TO 10 IN 21 MEMBER
ASSEMBLY.

2. BALANCE SHIFTING: NAP/JUI COALITION STRENGTH
MAY BE EVEN FURTHER ERODING. IN ADDITION TO TWO JUI
DEFLECTIONS, 2 NAP MPA'S ARE UNDER ARREST. NAP MPA
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GUL KHAN NASEER WAS ARRESTED JUNE 10 (REFTEL B PARA

2) AND NAP MPA NAWABZADA SHER ALI KHAN WAS PLACED UNDER ARREST JULY 9 IN CONNECTION WITH A MURDER CHARGE. FOLLOWING A JULY 14 INCIDENT AT FORT SANDEMAN THIRD JUI MPA, DEPUTY SPEAKER OF ASSEMBLY HAJI MAULVI SHAMSUDDIN, REPORTED TO BE UNDER ARREST OR COURTING ARREST. POSSIBLE THAT LADY MPA'S PREVIOUS SUPPORT OF NAP/JUI COALITION CURRENTLY LESS RELIABLE. THIS LADY MEMBER, FAZEELA ALIANI, WAS SELECTED AS ONE OF TWO MPA'S FROM BALUCHISTAN TO TRAVEL WITH PRESIDENT BHUTTO ON HIS POSTPONED VISIT TO U.S. HER LOYALTY TO COALITION ALSO STRAINED SINCE HER BROTHER, JAM CHANGEZ KHAN, WAS DEFEATED IN JULY 8 ELECTION FOR SENATORS FROM BALUCHISTAN FOLLOWING NAP'S REFUSAL AWARD HIM PARTY NOMINATION. IF COALITION DEPRIVED OF ALL THREE JUI VOTES BY DESERTION AND DETENTION, IF THE LADY MEMBER DESERTS, AND IF THE TWO NAP MPA'S REMAIN IN CUSTODY, THEN ITS STRENGTH IN ASSEMBLY COULD DIP AS LOW AS 6 VOTES. AT THE SAME TIME POSITION OF ANTI-NAP MPA ABDUS SAMAD KHAN ACHAKZAI MAY BE WAVERING AS SUPPORTER OF BUGTI GOVERNMENT. WITH 2 JUI PATHAN MINISTERS NOW APPOINTED IT WOULD APPEAR THAT ACHAKZAI IS BEING LEFT OUT OF MINISTERIAL SLOTS ALLOTTED TO PATHAN COMMUNITY. POSITION OF SEVERAL INDEPENDENTS STILL NOT CLEAR AND IN CASE OF NARROW BALANCE THEIR POSITIONS COULD BE DECISIVE.

3. COMMENT: GOVERNOR BUGTI TOLD CONGEN OFFICER JULY 12 THAT MAULVI SALEH MOHAMMAD HAD JUMPED OVER TO THE GOVERNMENT, BUT THAT HE PLANNED ANNOUNCEMENT EXPANSION OF CABINET ONLY ON HIS RETURN FROM ABROAD. (BUGTI WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO JOIN BHUTTO IN ROME JULY 15, BUT THIS MEETING HAS BEEN POSTPONED TILL JULY 19, OR 20 IN GENEVA). THIS CHANGE OF PROGRAM PERHAPS ACCELERATED ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENT. ALTHOUGH IT NOW ASSURED, IT APPEARS BUGTI MOVING CLOSER TOWARD BREAKING NPA/JUI MAJORITY IN PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY. UNLESS ASSEMBLY MEETS EARLIER, TEST WILL OCCUR ON AUGUST 14 AFTER INAUGURATION OF PAKISTAN'S NEW CONSTITUTION, WHEN PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY REQUIRED TO RATIFY PROVINCIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOVERNMENT UNDER NEW CONSTITUTION.
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